

BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
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OFFICER REPORT TO TOWN COUNCILLORS

AGENDA ITEM 10 – TOWN HALL INTERNET AND WI-FI

AIM

1. To create a new budget line for the Town Hall, to the value of £1000, to enable the provision of Wi-Fi in the Town Hall.

BACKGROUND

2. The Town Council have aspirations to utilise more effectively the use of the Town Hall to include holding Town Council meetings there.
3. No current provision in Town Hall for internet access.
4. Initial quotes have been obtained to indicate the likely costs of installation and ongoing monthly costs.

DISCUSSION

5. Where the quotes obtained Identify costs for ongoing provision, there is currently no landline in the Town Hall so this will incur some one-off initial costs. Furthermore, there might be the need to also install some 'boosters' to ensure good coverage over the whole hall.
6. There is currently no budget provision currently in place and it is estimated that installation and ongoing costs for the remainder of the current financial year will be between £400-£1000. It might be that the initial line connection will incur costs and that due to the size of the Town Hall, additional boosters might need to be purchased to ensure a good signal throughout the building.
7. Subsequent years will merely incur the standard continued provision of the service which will be in the region of £50 per month (£600 per annum) based on current indicative quotes.

RECOMMENDATION(s)

8. It is recommended that the Town Hall has an additional budget line created (with the cost code to be 210/ 4440) to the value of £1000 for IT/Internet Support for the current year to allow the installation and the ongoing costs for the remainder of the financial year for WIFI/Internet access for the Town Hall.

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